

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
 - 5 a) receiving a session request including additional information originating from a sending communication client;
 - b) establishing a communication session with the sending communication client in response to the session request; and
 - 10 c) determining an action to take in association with the communication session based on the additional information.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the additional information is context indicia.
- 15 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the context indicia identifies an association related to a subject matter of the communication session.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the association is an association of people, information, or things.
- 20 5. The method of claim 2 wherein the context indicia identifies an association related to the action.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the additional information is an instruction to take the action.
- 25 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the additional information comprises context indicia and an instruction to take the action.
- 30 8. The method of claim 1 further comprising initiating the action.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises providing information to a user.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the action comprises displaying the information to the user.
- 5 11. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises recording at least a portion of the communication session.
12. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises storing information related to the communication session.
- 10 13. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises initiating at least one communication session with a communication client other than the sending communication client.
- 15 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the action comprises creating a conference with the sending communication client and the communication client other than the sending communication client.
- 20 15. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises allowing only select communication clients to join the communication session.
- 25 16. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises obtaining information for at least one user participating in the session.
17. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises providing information for at least one user participating the session.
- 30 18. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises accessing a web site.
19. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises providing an email or instant message.
20. The method of claim 8 wherein the action comprises initiating a call.

21. The method of claim 8 wherein the action is initiated by sending a message instructing an application to take the action.
22. A communication client comprising:
- 5 a) a communication interface; and
- b) a control system associated with the communication interface and adapted to:
- 10 i) receive a session request including additional information originating from a sending communication client;
- ii) establish a communication session with the sending communication client in response to the session request; and
- iii) determine an action to take in association with the communication session based on the additional information.
- 15 23. The system of claim 22 wherein the additional information is context indicia.
24. The system of claim 23 wherein the context indicia identifies an association related to a subject matter of the communication session.
- 20 25. The system of claim 24 wherein the association is an association of people, information, or things.
26. The system of claim 23 wherein the context indicia identifies an association related to the action.
- 25 27. The system of claim 22 wherein the additional information is an instruction to take the action.
- 30 28. The system of claim 22 wherein the additional information comprises context indicia and an instruction to take the action.
29. The system of claim 22 wherein the control system is further adapted to initiate the action.

30. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises providing information to a user.
- 5 31. The system of claim 30 wherein the action comprises displaying the information to the user.
32. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises recording at least a portion of the communication session.
- 10 33. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises storing information related to the communication session.
34. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises initiating at least one communication session with a communication client other than the sending communication client.
- 15 35. The system of claim 34 wherein the action comprises creating a conference with the sending communication client and the communication client other than the sending communication client.
- 20 36. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises allowing only select communication clients to join the communication session.
- 25 37. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises obtaining information for at least one user participating in the session.
38. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises providing information for at least one user participating the session.
- 30 39. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises accessing a web site.

40. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises providing an email or instant message.
41. The system of claim 29 wherein the action comprises initiating a call.
42. The system of claim 29 wherein the action is initiated by sending a message instructing an application to take the action.